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Major ~~Part~~ B. for Sept 76

SUBJECT.

Proposals for leasing out the right of Vending Ganja opium and Mangani.

From the Commr. Nandydrug Dn
No 9694-8-76.
Requests sanction to tenders being invited for the right to vend Ganja, opium & mangani within the limits of ~~Jayprakash~~ Dist.

2 To the Commr. Nandydrug Division. Nagar Dn & Astagrama Dn.
No 5845 / Rev 102 dt 15-9-76.
Passes orders on the proposals for leasing out to a Contractor the right of Vending

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SERIAL No. Letter No. 96 of the 4th August 1876 from the Commr. Vandiwash Div.

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S. R. No. 76-71.

In the above, the Commr. reports that the right to vend Ganjah, Opium and Mhajum within the limits of the Tom Cour distt has not been conceded either to the present toddy contractor of the distt or to any one else; & as the drugs are used in the District, he requests sanction to tenders being invited as per accompanying Notification for the Exclusive right of selling the drugs from Octr 1876 to 31st March 1878 — the date of the Expiry of the present Toddy Contract of the district. Col: Pearse further requests that the Notification, if approved of, may be published in the Gazette, and in the Local papers.

2. In September 1871, the

the Govt. of India instituted an Enquiry into the effects of the use of Ganja & Bhang. As a result of the Enquiry the Govt. of I. remarked that legislative action was not necessary towards restricting the use of the drugs or suppressing the cultivation of the hemp plants from which they are produced, but expressed their confidence that the various local Govts and administrations will endeavour wherever it may be possible to discourage the consumption of these drugs by placing restrictions on their cultivation preparation and retail and imposing on their use as high a rate of duty as can be levied without inducing illicit practices. The Chief Com accordingly resolved to prohibit the sale of these drugs except by licensed vendors and to charge as high a license fee as possible on

Ch: Comm's Proc's No. 6102/52 dt. 3.2.74

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on their retail sale. Such as the introduction of this measure might affect the sale of the toddy contracts (in which ganja was included) the opinions of the Collrs of Dts and of the Supdt of Excise were called for 1st as to the exact line of policy to be pursued with special reference to the propriety of altogether prohibiting the culture of ganja, which ~~threatens~~ may spread if not checked, and seems if a license fee is to be levied as to the rate thereof; and on the receipt of their replies, it was ordered in the Chief Collrs Proceedings No. 5315/38 of the 22nd Octr/74, that license fees at one of the marginally noted* rates per mensem shall be levied on ale shops for the retail sale of ganja; that the publication of these rates should rest with the Dt Collrs, who should obtain

* Rs. 10 — On shops situated in localities where it is desirable to check the sale of ganja by a prohibitive rate
Rs 5 — On shops situated in Kasba towns
Rs. 3, 2 — On other shops.

obtain from the Contractor a list of all the retail shops & the license fee shd not be remitted on the ground that the Drug is sold by the contractor's agents. That the Chief Commr is not prepared to authorize an absolute prohibition of the cultivation of Ganja, but close watch shd be enjoined by all Revenue Offrs on the growth and manufacture as also the use of the Drug; and that the contracts for the sale of intoxicating Drugs shd be given separately from that of toddy.

3. I beg to submit that, if the exclusive right to sell the drugs in question is to be leased out as proposed by the Commr, it will only be indirectly encouraging

monopolists and
speculators to adopt
measures which might
more extensively
cultivate the genius
&c. Attempts
would also be
made to effect
a closer connection,
as it will be
in the interests
of the Contractors
to do so, and to
enable him to
pay the amount
of his tender and
reap a profit
to himself.

4 I am, therefore,
of opinion that
the intention
of the Act to
check the consumption

of Ganja as much as possible & Government, we must act in face against the Contract system and increase the Excise fees

P.C. Thumboo Chetty
15/8/76

Putting a Return showing the Retail Sale of Ganja & Opium Shops under the provisions of the C.C. Pro of 22 Oct 1874 in the District where such licenses have been granted, for the years 1874-75 & 1875-76.

~~Do &c~~

The Duplicate Returns shewing also the Extent & Value upon the Cultivation of Ganja & Opium in the District. Prepare a Return for the same two years.

I enclose herewith a Return of Licenses granted for the Retail Sale of Ganja & Opium & Tuckadies in the Bangalore District, in Sale & Growth of which Drugs there is an increase in the Revenue,

Observe -

That Tables of 19 Sept 1874 under the Executive Pro of 22 Oct 1874 the Amount of Rent to be paid by Retailers of Ganja was left blank & Collectors of Ganja & Retailers did not know what Rent to charge, & Retailers in Ganja & Opium Shops in Bangalore Town & Cantonment, Ganja being chiefly consumed by Native Christians & Europeans & Eurasians, & Opium by Natives generally, & Retailers of both Drugs in the Bangalore District not having been informed by the Collectors what Rent to charge for the Duplicate or Counterpart Licenses for the Year Current, & the Collectors of Districts not having been informed of the Rent to be charged for Licenses for the Sale of Drugs for the year 1876 [illegible] the Collectors during the Year [illegible] the Rent to be charged [illegible]

the previous years, owing ab
generally to the introduction
of the Licence system.
Returns do not
show whether hemp
was cultivated in
any of the Districts.

Ed Thornbrough
28/8/76.

The Comm of Accounts
beg to enclose their
Re Licence Duties Vote 3
of the Abstract, the proposal
to levy in lieu of duties
upon spirits Cannabis
Sanctum.
From the Abstract now sent, it
will appear that the Appellate Court
upon the Cultivation for
2 Oct 1874, Hemp Districts
in Bengal, Assam & Arakan & Orissa
of the Duty has been levied by Licenses
so as to ensure as practicable
of the present Law but from
terminate, in lieu of the
& levy Licence Fees in lieu
Duty.

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9. In the Hassan Distt no Ganja is shewn to have been sold. The Commr of the Dy remarks in the Administration Report for 1875-76 that this is improbable and that the matter is under Enquiry.

10. The following abstract shews the amount realized under the head of "Licence Fee" and the Extent of Poppy cultivation carried on in the Distts

		Licence fee p. Samp. collected in 1874/75.	1875/76.	Extent of cultivation Poppy — 1 Samp. 1874/75.	1875/76.	1874/75.	1875/76.
Bangalore	"						
Kolar	"			118 — 188.	60 — 111		
Tumkur	"			"	"		
Mysore	"		174 " "	"	"		
Hassan	"		"	"	"		
Shimoga	"		381 — " "	"	"		
Kadur	"		120 — " "	5.	5.		
Chitteldroog	"	—	175 " "				

Nil —

11. Poppy cultivation appears to have been going on only in the Bangalore & Kolar Dists on a large scale. The Extent of land cultivated in 1875/76 is considerably less than that of

5. The accompanying statement shows the license fees realized from the sale of Ganja & Opium.

6 In the Bangalore & Kolar Dts no license fee has been levied during 1874/75 & 1875-76 as the right to vend Ganja is included in the Toddy Contract which will last till 31 March 1878. Rs40 shown under Opium are the fees realized from the licenses issued for the sale of Madat a narcotic preparation made of opium and betel-leaf, chiefly for smoking purposes in the town & Cantonment of Bangalore.

7. In the Tumkur Distt no license fees have been levied, as the right of selling the drugs conceded to the Toddy Contractors

8. In Mysore, Shimoga & Kadur Distts licenses appear to have been issued separately from April 1876

From

The Commr.

Nandidroog Dn.

SECTION S. R

FILE No. 1-76

SERIAL No. 1

No. 96. dt. 4. August 1876.

Requests sanction to tenders being invited for the right to vend Ganja, Opium, and Majim within the limits of Tumkur District.

Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner Mysore.

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SECTION P. P. Read.
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Letter No. 96 of the 4th August 1876 from the Commissioner Mundeyrey Division.

Order thereon.

The Commissioner's proposal to lease to a Contractor the right of vending Ganjah and opium in the Imitkur District does not meet with the Chief Commissioner's approval.

2. The orders of the Government of India recorded in Chief Commissioner's Proceedings No. 6102/52 of 3rd February 1874, directed that every

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time that though the
Chief Commissioner was
not prepared to autho-
-rize the absolute
prohibition of the
cultivation of Ganja,
the District officers
should be enjoined to
watch closely the growth
and manufacture of
the drug.
4. It appears to Mr
Saunders that the
system of leasing out
to Contractors the exclusive
right to manufacture
and sell these narcotic
drugs is objectionable
as tending directly to
foster the cultivation
of the plants from which
these narcotics are obtained
and

and that excepting in the Bangalore District, where the retention of the present system might be warranted on special grounds, the principle already laid down, of granting licenses at the rates indicated in the order of the 22nd October 1874, for the retail vend of ganja and opium should be more generally enforced, and brought into operation on the expiry of existing contracts.

5. The Chief Commissioner desires that the District returns should in future show the extent of the cultivation

cultivation of the Bhang or Ganja hemp, as well as of poppy in Salutes - according to the form herewith appended, which it is requested may be substituted for the one now in use.

Yours faithfully
J.J. Secretary

To The Commissioner
" Ashtagram
" Nagar

Statement Showing the extent of the cultivation of the Bhang or Ganja & Hemp and of Poppy in each Taluk of the [illegible] District in the [illegible] Division for the year ____

Talukas	Ganja or Hemp									Poppy								
	Extent of land Cultivated			Assessment			Quantity produced in lbs.	Average selling price per lb		Extent of land Cultivated			Assessment			Quantity produced in lbs.	Average selling price per lb	
				Rate per acre		Amount							Rate per acre		Amount			
	Acres	Gunthas	yds.	From	To					Acres	Gs.	yds.	From	To				
				R. A. P.	R. A. P.	R. A. P.		R. A. P.					R. A. P.	R. A. P.	R. A. P.		R. A. P.	
	2	2	2	3		1		2										
							New 2 Leaves [illegible]			2	2	2	2					

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.

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To

THE COMMISSIONER, NUNDYDROOG DN.

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Ganja and Opium.—Passing orders on letter containing proposals for leasing out to a contractor the right of vending.

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Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce, 15th September 1876.

READ—

Letter No. 96 of the 4th August 1876, from the Commissioner, Nundydroog Division.

No. 5845—REV. 102, DATED BANGALORE, 15TH SEPTEMBER 1876.

ORDER THEREON:—The Commissioner's proposal to lease to a contractor the right of vending ganja and opium in the Túmkúr District does not meet with the Chief Commissioner's approval.

2. The orders of the Government of India, recorded in Chief Commissioner's Proceedings No. 6102—52 of 3rd February 1874, directed that every means should be used to discourage the consumption of these drugs by placing restrictions on their cultivation, preparation and retail, and imposing as high a rate of duty as could be levied without giving rise to illicit practices.

3. The instructions contained in Chief Commissioner's Proceedings No. 5315—38, dated 22nd October 1874, were designed to give effect to those orders by imposing various rates of license duties on retail shops for the vend of such drugs, and it was intimated at the same time that though the Chief Commissioner was not prepared to authorize the absolute prohibition of the cultivation of ganja, the District Officers should be enjoined to watch closely the growth and manufacture of the drug.

4. It appears to Mr. Saunders that the system of leasing out to contractors the exclusive right to manufacture and sell these noxious drugs is objectionable, as tending directly to foster the cultivation of the plants from which these narcotics are obtained, and that, excepting in the Bangalore District where the retention of the present system might be warranted on special grounds, the principle already laid down, of granting licenses at the rates indicated in the order of the 22nd October 1874, for the retail vend of ganja and opium, should be more generally enforced, and brought into operation on the expiry of existing contracts.

5. The Chief Commissioner desires that the District returns should in future shew the extent of the cultivation of the bhang or ganja hemp, as well as of poppy, in taluks, according to the form herewith appended, which it is requested may be substituted for the one now in use.

T. CLARKE,
Offg. Secretary.

To—The Commissioner, Nundydroog Division.
" Do Ashtagram do.
" Do Nagar do.

Statement shewing the extent of the cultivation of the Bhang or Ganja Hemp and of Poppy in each Taluk District in the Division for the year

Taluks.	Ganja or Hemp.							Poppy.						
	Extent of land cultivated.			Assessment.				Extent of land cultivated.			Assessment.			
				Rate per acre.							Rate per acre.			
	Acres.	Guntas.	Yards.	From Rs. A. P.	To Rs. A. P.	Amount. Rs. A. P.		Acres.	Guntas.	Yards.	From Rs. A. P.	To Rs. A. P.	Amount. Rs. A. P.	